ctancy marked the evening for most of

the department officials whose duties con-

disaster. Secretary Long, who had been

aroused at 2:30 a. m., when the news first

reached Washington, was thoroughly

ired out and went to bed unusually early.

the receiving of all dispatches relating to

the disaster, with orders, following out

those of the president at the cabine meeting, to make public everything relat-

ng to the affair. Very little was receiv-

ed that would throw light on the situation

but nearly a hundred private telegrams

came from friends and families of the officers and crew, begging for specific news

of the loved ones and relatives who were

with the fatal ship. Replies were made

to such inquiries as could be answered.

list of the injured among the survivors

could be secured promptly, but though a

in the United States would be repressed

The efforts of all government officials

At the White House the president spent

from time to time through the evening.

EARLY NEWS OF THE WRECK

Cable Used by Lee and the Newspa-

per Correspondent s Washington, Feb. 16.—Secretary Day re-

elved the following dispatch from Gen-

"The Maine blew up at 5:40. The explo-

"LEE"

sion occurred well forward under men's

sympathy and sorrow for the accident."

department stated that the missing prob

Another telegram received at the navy

Secretary Long, for the president, sent

"Sigsbee, U. S. S. Maine, Havana: The

president directs me to express for him-

self and the people of the United States

his profound sympathy with the officers and crew of the Maine, and desires that

no expense be spared in providing for the

The president recalled his invitations for

receptions this evening and tomorrow

night, owing to the disaster which had

The following dispatch from Consul

'All quiet, great sorrow expressed by

General Lee was received at 11:40 a. m.

authorities. Signhee has telegraphed de

TO THE EVENING TELEGRAM

New York, Feb. 16 .- A special to the

'James Rowe, ship's cook, was the least

"I don't know," he replied, speaking

Evening Telegram from Havana concern-

injured of any that were brought in while

I was there. I asked him how it hap

at 8 o'clock and heard three bells strike

I don't remember anything more until I

ing heavily upon the deck through a mass of smoke. I got on my feet and worked

superstructure deck was dipping under

from being drawn down in the suction.

ish man-of-war. Four more were picked

up by the same boat. They were Daniel

Cronin, a landsman; Charles Berryman

bentswale, Albert John, seamen, and

One poor fellow whose face was injur-

mumbled back through horribly swol-lips: "My folks would feel uneasy if I

"So far as I can learn now the explosion

took place in the magazine used for the

The vessel lies with her bows wholly

storage of gun cotton for the torpedoes.

from one end to the other, created the

wildest excitement. All the electric lights

rushed madly from one direction to an

which direction the explosion came.

eral Lee hastened the the palace.

other, and no one knew for certain from

"Consul General Lee, who was at th

Hotel Inglaterra, received a telephone

message from General Blanco telling him

that the Maine had been blown up. Gen-

"Captain Sigsbee was on deck when the

ed past all recognition, was lying on a cot

Bloomer, a landsman."

yet to report cause of explosion.

ing the Maine disaster, says:

sefallen the Maine.

"JOHN D. LONG. Sec."

this telegram to Captain Sigsbee;

4 p. m., no response was received.

He turned over to Lieutenant Whittelse;

TO HELP FREE HOMES

Reports Prospects Favorable For the Bill.

HOFFMAN AND M'MECHAN

Have Not Been Bonneed Yet by a Good Deal .- Fast Mail Gets Scooped Again.

Kingfisher, O. T., Feb. 16.-Special.)received the following telegram from the Hon. D. T. Flynn, who has been in the city of Washington ever since the holidlys was listened to with marked attention. working indefatigably to secure for the Before the affair closed the large room

"Washington, D. C., Feb. 15, 1898. "Hon. William Grimes:

"Come immediately. You can aid us with the free homes bill. Everything is most favorable to its passage.
"D. T. FLYNN."

Mr. Grimes is very anxious to go to Washington and do whatever he can to help through this measure which will help sickness of his wife, who has been confined to her bed in a very precarious condition with pneumonia for the last ten days, it will be impossible for him to leave until there is a change for the better; he has, however, consulted his family physician as to the advisability of his leaving home at this time and if he receives a favorable reply he will take the first train and stay until some final action is had.

IN DEFENSE OF DENNIS. El Reno, O. T., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The Democratic papers and a few disgruntled Republicans have for the past month, or more, been trying to down Dennis Flynn They claim that he has not been working as faithful as he should in the interest of free homes. A gentleman of this city who has always been a Republican ,and always will be one, says: "Ninety-nine out of every hundred Republicans in this county are admirers of Dennis Flynn and by next fall the government at Washington will be able to see that he is the inations; choice of a big majority of the Republican voters of the county. There is not a Democrat on earth who can show the scratch of a pon where Flynn has worked or talked against the free homes bill, or, In fact, any thing else that will benefit the people of Okiahoma."

#### HOFFMAN AND M'MECHAN Lack an Awful Lot of Having Lost Their Official Heads.

Guthrie, O. T., Feb. 14.-(Special.)-Roy Hoffman and Tom McMecham are still Washington still lives, notwithstanding a Washington dispatch to a local evening paper that the resignation of the two offichils named had been called for by the attorney general and that John W. Scotat the present time consulting with United States Attorney Brooks in reference to the Seminole Indian burning affair, and has had no call, telegraphic or otherwise, be a lamentable ignorance on the part of would be served upon the United States recommend their successors. No such re- with the families of those who lost their

until the latter part of May or the early ered as blanketed and sheltered from the and McRae (Dem., Ark.), and Cochran adversity of changing politics by the civil (Dem., Mo.) service code, and they expected to hang | The following resolution is that of Mr.

Under McKenna no changes were made, these places were protected by civil ser- the calamity which caused the destri-Republicans are in waiting. The Oklahoma removals are the first to be made under the new policy. It appears that Mr. Hanna wanted one of these places, and John W. Scothorn of Guthrie, is named to succeed Mr. McMechan as first assistant ritorney at a salary of \$2,000. A well known lawyer named Maguire of Pawnee, D. T.; is named to succeed Mr. Hoffman. at a salary of \$1.00 Scothorn and Mapulre were both endorsed by Governor has two personal friends from his own county in the Ohio legislature, and he is tles in close personal relations to Solicifor General John K. Richards, of the department of justice. Magnire has no backng except that of Governor Barnes."

#### GOT THERE FIRST, OF COURSE Eagle Was the Only Paper With the

El Reno. O. T., Feb. 16 - (Special.)-The Eagle, as usual, was the first metropolitan paper to bring to this city the news of the great loss of the cruiser Maine. The news was in everybody's mouth this morning, seen the Engle?" "No, what is in it? vessels was blown up in Havana harbor last night." In less than ten minutes not an Eagle could behad for love or money. Whe half baked K. C. editions of the same date had scarcely a word to say about

Erst issue of the Volksblatt next week. resume her professional wor kin April. | tenant Friend W. Jenkins and Assistant

#### FLOATING TORPEDO DID IT. aptain Sigabee Gives Voice to Sus pleion at Last. Key West, Fin., Feb. 16.-The corres

pondent of the Associated Press has been assured in a reliable quarter that Cap-Flynn Wants Him to Come to tain Sigshee is under the impression that Are Involved the Causes of the warship Maine was blown up by a floating torpedo, and that hehas communicated his impressions to Washington, asking at the same time that the navy department should send naval engineers IF THERE IS TO BE WAR and mechanics to investigate the explo-

> The Plant line steamer Olivette did not leave Havana until 2 o'clock this afternoon, and did not reach here until shortly

El Reno is to have another manufacturing enterprise. Billy Goff has made al line arrangements to establish a soda and mineral water manufactory. The machinery was shipped from St. Louis a few days ago and as soon as it arrives it will be placed in position and work begin.

Washington Lodge No. 13, K. of P., celebrated its first anniversary at Fort Reno this evening. A large number of knights from this city were there to give the affair a big boost. At the close of the regular routine of business in the lodge room, the throng took possession of the post Hon. William Grimes, chairman of the hall, where the largest banquet ever held Republican territorial committee, has just in the hall was attended with brilliant

Ernest Blake of this city delivered : beautiful and masterly address, which people of Okiahoma the passage of the was cleared for action. The Tenth infantry orchestra, none better in the service, tegan playing the most entrancing music which was kept up until a late hour, Washington Lodge is one of the strongest in the territory.

### HINDOO HEAD HUNTERS

Will be Produced at Guthrie Tonight

and Tomorrow Night. Guthrie, O. T., Feb. 16.-(Special.)-"The so many of our people, but owing to the Hindoo Head Hunters," a comic opera, will be produced at the opera house tomorrow and Friday evenings by amateur talent under the auspices of the Trinity club, and with the following east; King, ..... ...... S. A. Mann

...Mrs. R. W. Ramsay Princess ... .......Miss Laura Whitbeck Billy Hawkins ......Otto Beckmeyer Juggler . .....John W. Shartel

...J. Frank Laux, F. B. Lucas JUDGES BAYARD AND HAINER Appointments of the New Justices are Confirmed

Washington, Feb. 16.-The president today sent to the senate the following nom-

Treasury-Eugene L. Dorsey, to be supervising inspector of steam vessels of the Sixth district. Interior-James M. Gleaves, to be sur-

reyor general of California. Washington, Feb. 16.-The senate today nurmed the following nominations

To be consul, E. S. Cunningham of Tenee, at Aden, Arabia. Chief justice supreme court of Oklahoma, John H. Burford, and Bayard T. Hainer to be associate justice.

Postmasters! Kansas-L. S. St

# BANKRUPTCY BILL IS UP

House Resolves Regret and Sympathy Over the Maine Disaster

Washington, Feb. 18.-The debate on the horn of this city and B. S. McGuire of bankruptcy bill, which is to continue until Saturday, when a vote will be taken, opened in the house today, but it attracted little attention, the interest of the new members being entirely absorbed by the disaster to the Maine. At times the hall of the house was almost deserted, the resignation. Furthermore, there seems to members being congregated in the lobbies or cloak rooms discussing the acciashington correspondent as to the dent and speculating upon its probable method of procedure governing the re- consequences. Just before the house adplacement of assistant attorneys. In the journed, Mr. Boutelle, chairman of the just place the call for the resignations naval committee, presented a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, express attorney, who would be asked also to ing regret for thed isaster, condolence

lives and sympathy with the injured. The speakers on the bankruptcy were: In favor of the measure, Mesers, The four years' lease of official life of Henderson (Rep., Iowa), Lunham (Dem., Hoffman and McMecham does not expire | Yex and Burke (Dem., Tex.); in opposition to it, Messra Underwood (Dem., Ala.) part of June, but they have been consid- Bell (Pop., Col.), Henry (Dem., Texas)

Boutelle, which was unanimously adopt-

"Resolved. That the house of represen swing largely to an impresssion that tatives has learned with great sorrow of vice rules, but the civil service commis- of the battleship Maine and the appalling sion has held otherwise. Attorney Gen- loss of more than 250 lives, and the wound eral Griggs is more aggressive than his ing of many others of thegaliant defendpredecessor, and is simply seizing upon ers of our flag, and that the house exthe opportunity to put out offensive Dems presses its sympathy for the injured and errats, for whose places plenty of good its sincers conditences with the families of those who have lost their lives in the service of the nation. At 5:05 p. m., the house adjourned.

# DE LOME SAILS FOR SPAIN

# Mobody in New York Knows That He

is on the Earth. Lome sailed on the steamship Britannic for Liverpool today. Complimentary res-The fermer lived in Ohio, and clutions were presented to him on board by a delegation of Spaniards. There was no hostile demonstration of any kind.

Senor De Leme was accompanied by his wife and two boys. The party was escorted by detectives from the hotel to the dock. Four state rooms were in readiness for the ex-minister. A cabin set apart for a reception room was filled with floral emblems. Among the many friends who were present to bid the De Lomes farewell was Miss Pauncefore, eldest daughter of the British ambassador. She presented the Senora De Lome a magnificent bouquet,

An album containing resolutions of sym pathy signed by Spaniards in this city, was handed to Senor De Lome, who, in a short speech, returned thanks and said "Why, one of the largest government war he hoped he would fetain the highly valned good will of the Spanish colony in

Cannes, Feb. 16.-Mr. Gladstone started hardt was operated upon this morning at partment to express their regrets. Dr. Pozni's hospital. The cyst was remov-El Reno is going to have another news- ed with complete success. Dr. Pozzi hopes two officers lost their lives, and these Hoenschiedt will print the that Madame Bernhardt will be able to were of junior grades. They were Lieu-

the Maine Disaster.

It Will be When Spain's Guilt is Established.

and elsewhere growing out of the destruction of the battleship Maine in Hanight, after the exchange of a number of Secretary Long, when asked, as he was about to depart for the day, whether he had reason to suspect that the disaster

"I do not. In that I am influenced by ceived. the fact that Captain Sigsbee has not write a full report. So long as he does was apparent, and a number of naval ofot express himself, I certainly cannot, ficers volunteered theories in support of I should think from the indications, how- the accident hypothesis, all of which, in ever, that there was an accident—that the the absence of any facts on which to base hazy's court martial, but he energetically magazine exploded. How that came a reasonable opinion, were decidedly unabout I do not know. For the present, at satisfactory. least, no warship will be sent to Havana." The appalling nature of the disaster and the evening until midnight in his office. the gravity of the situation that would arise should investigation give a basis for the undercurrent of suspicion of treachery and foul play that ran through all minds. had a sobering effect upon public men of all shades of political opinion. The fact stands forth, and is little less than remarkable, that not a single resolution in the appalling story and the deepest was introduced or a single speech was made in either house of congress, save one of condolence with the families of the ing all government flags was issued. He killed, offered by Mr. Boutelle and adopted by the house of representatives. Public men expressed their opinions with reserve when approached, but everywhere there was a demand for an investigation and a full details in the light of which the horror may be justly viewed. Secretary Long undoubtedly summariz-

the navy experts in finding it impossible just now to state the cause of the de-Late this afternoon he telegraphed to Adboard of naval officers to proceed at once to Havana, employ divers and generally of the navy demand shall be made in the case of loss of a ship. It is expected that Who has telegraphed navy department. there are officers who say that in their tied by the simple observation of the condition of the ship's hull plates in the
neighborhood of the hole which sank her,
the vicinity when the explosion occurrwhether or not reply. I concluded that if the expert
that of strength, because a many
would be required for its defense in time
of war, while in times of poace we
should not need the islands on this newould be required for its defense in time
of war, while in times of poace we
should not need the islands on this ne-

are inclined to the belief that the explosion resulted from spontaneous combus- ably would number two hundred and sevtion of a coal bunker, the over-heating of the iron partitions between the boilers and the magazine, or from the explosion of a boiler, though the last theory finds

summary originally given by Captain survivors and the care of the dead, Sigsbee in an earlier telegram, so Secre- (Signed:) "JOHN D. LONG, I the survivors.

iterranean, off Maita, in June, 1993. By

of the horror by Captain-General Blanco. who professed his profound regret and added that the occurrence was a chince accident, the undoubted cause being an explosion of the boiler of the dynamo. This was the only specific cause assigned

d'affaires, called at the state department to express his profound regret, and the many department as a mark of personal lishments there was the deepest interest the day Ambassador Cambon of France. Sir Julian Pauncefote, of the British em ruled on the president or at the state de

# Engineer Darwin R. Merritt. The former was unmarried, but leaves a mother and sister. Thelatter, it is thought, also was unmarried, but the department was undvised concerning his family. Hard work and harder waiting and ex-

Washington, Feb. 16.-After a day of intense excitement at the navy department vana harbor last night, the situation tocablegrams between Washington and Havana, can be summed up in the words of Minister Woodford at Mudrid, but beyond

was the work of an enemy, replied:

ed the general opinion of the majority of struction of the Maine. There are a great number of theories, but most of them are of a character that makes it easy to prove or upset them by a single investigation by a diver. Secretary Long has taken immediate steps to make this investigation. to make such inquiries as the regulations this work will take some time, and while pinion it will not be possible, owing to the probable disrupted condition of the hull of the ship, to make out the cause of the explosion, the opinion of the majority whether or not they are bulged out, as ed." would be the case if the explosion came from the inside, or whether they were from George Bronson Rea, said to be a driven in as would result from the at-

mine beneath the ship. The large majority of the naval officers

little support. The list of survivors that came to the navy department this afternoon in answer to telegrams was inaccurate, and made tary Long telegraphed for another corrocted list, and also one that would show

It was found necessary to do this owing to the great number of pitiful appeals for information as to the safety of unfortun-

parts of the country.

The naval constructors, in the light of dispatches thus far received, say that it is by no means certain that the Maine cannot be raised and again carry the flag. They say that while she is a bly ship. others as large have been raised, and at Havana the new floating dry dock would receive her if she could once be gotten

Captain Sigabee avidently is taking an interest in the future of the ship, for he sent a telegram to Captain Forsythe at Key West that was promptly translated to Secretary Long, suggesting that a light ouse vessel or some smal craft be staioned in Havana harbor to watch over the wreck. The latter, even if beyond resprection, contains valuable ordnance and my way on deck. When I got there the

It is said at the navy department that n the naval history since the sinking of ision with the Camperdown, in the Molmanding, twenty-two officers and 255 men,

The Spanish legation was early advised

Du Bosc, the Spanish charge ntire Spanish staff left their cards at the ience. At all of the foreign estabbassy, and other foreign representatives,

The disaster is remarkable in that only

General Pellieux Appears nected them in any way with the Maine Against Zola.

# HE DENOUNCES "EXPERTS"

Declares This no Time For Attacking the Army.

Paris, Feb. 16.-The Palace of Justice. on the ninth day of the trial of M. Emile It was hoped by the department that a Zola and Perrieux, was crowded, as usual The presiding judge rejected M. Clemenceau's request of yesterday that he aprequest for this was cabled to Havana at point a magistrate to question Madame The state department was on the alert De Boulancey if among the letters she has for news both from Havana and from from Major Esterhazy there is not one containing the following expressions: a second message from General Lee, ex-

"Firstly General Saussier (then the com pressing the hope that public excitement mander-in-chief of the French army, and military governor of Paris) is a clown. and detailing additional courtesies at the hands of the Spaniards, nothing was re- in our country the Germans would not show him in a circus.

yet reported to the navy department on to remain calm in the face of the shock-the cause. He is evidently waiting to ing disaster and its attending mystery the French in front of them. M. Laborie, counsel for M. Zola, renounced the examination of M. Ester-

> demanded that General Bilot, the miniser for war, be called to testify. The presiding judge, M. Delagaorgue, invited M. Laborie to present aconclusion

There was no official conference on the to that effect. disaster, however, and but one caller, General Pellieux, who conducted the in-Senator Fairbanks of Indiana, who merevestigation into the charges brought ly discussed the Maine catactrophe inclagainst Major Esterhazy, created a sensation by protesting against the accepdentally with the other business which brought him to the White House. The tance of the "evidence of amateur experts president displayed the keenest interest who have not seen the original bordereau," adding that he also desired to raise sympathy for the sufferers, and it was at bis voice "in the most emphatic manner, his suggestion that the order half-mastagainst slanders which are calculateed to destroy confidence in the heads of the was kept informed of the course of events army at a time when danger is perhaps by private dispatches and those of the nearer than people believe." Associated Press, which were sent to him

This statement of the general had marked effect in court. General Pellieux said the first facsimile which appeared in the Matin was the nearest correct of all He added that there was writing on both sides of the paper, whicht was flimsy, and he believed that when the bordereau was photographed it was impossible to preshowing through. As the ink used was somewhat faint, witness thought it nec-essary to touch up the writing in order

quarters, consequently many were lost. It is believed all officers saved but Jento render it distinct. Continuing, General Pellieux said he kins and Merritt not accounted for. Cause of explosion yet to be investigated. Cupconsiderer the proceedings that the detain general and army and navy officers fense attached no weight to the evidence rendered every assistance. Sigabee and of the sworn experts who had seen the most of his officers on heard steamer City original bordereau and had compared it of Washington. Others on Spanish gunwith the acknowledged handwriting of the boat and in the city. Am with Sigsbee, accused, "while the testimony of amateurs, one a dentist and another a forger, was received with full confiednce." At 11:20 o'clock Secretary Long received "Such tactics do not surprise me," added

the following unsigned telegram from Hathe general, "since they were foreshadowed in my office by Matthieu Dreyfus, when "Only two officers unaccounted for. The bringing charges against Major Esterexplosion was forward. To all indications | hazy.

him he would have demanded another. Another telegram to Secretary Long newspaper correspondent, said: "No ex-

"For some time there had been much talk of handwriting, people discussing who could have written the bordereau. citement. All quiet. Only feelings of will prove to you here, with the papers n my hand that the officer who wrote the bordereau belonged to the ministry of war, was an artilleryman, and was second or service on the staff."

The statement of the general caused a ensation. M. Laborie here interrupted

he witness, raying: "I ask taht Colonel Picquart, who at the esent moment is at the house of Magisrate Rectulus, he summoned to hear this "It is not your turn to speak," replied

he presiding judge. M. Laborie, however, returned to the harge, protesting and insisting that Coi-

Pellieux was allowed to conttinue his evi-"An analysist of the hordereau indicate that only an artillery officer attached to the war ministry could have known the facts or have used the technicalities employed in the bordereau. An infantryman tails to navy department. Not prenared uld never in his life have spoken of the hings of which the bordereau speaks.

> "And now," excluited the general, rateing his voice, "what remains of all this tabric? Not much. Yet they accuse officers of acquitting a guilty man in pur-suance of orders." (Prolonged sensation).

> The general also said: "I have the soul of a soldier, which re rolts at behaving the infamous aspersions no longer. I cannot stand still and see men trying to debauch the army from its do in the day of danger, which is, perhaps, nearer than people think? Then, gentlemen of the jury, your some would be led M. Zola will hav gained a fresh victory and will have achieved a new debacte and

> In conclusion General Pelifeux said: "We should have been glad if the cour martial had acquitted Dreyfus, as it would have shown there was no traiter for the army, for all of us, to mourn for, On leaving the witness stand the gener-

was long and loudly cheered. The presiding judge refused to allow M.

M. Laborie then lodged a formal protest against the ruling of the presiding judge. At the request of the defense Colonel Ploquart was then sent for. In the meanwhile, M. Schuerer-Kestner called attention to alleged inaccuracies in the evitence of M. Teyesonniere, the handwriting expert. He said it was quite impossible that he M. Schuerer-Kestner, had ever spoken to M. Teyssonniere of Major Esterhany, because at the time referred to he had never heard Major Esterhany's

At this stage of the proceedings the

Wichita, Thursday, February 17, 1898 Weather For Wichita Today: Threatening : cooler : variable winds

Sun -- Rises, 6:50; Sets 5; 39 Moon-Rises 3:38

IMPORTANT NEWS OF TODAY 1. Flynn Sends For Chairman Grimes Maine Disaster Still in Mystery

Army's Champion Opposes Zola

Leiter Takes a Fresh Start 3. Maine Affair Sends Stocks Down Corn Convention in Chicago

5. Third Day With Masons Telegram to President Mckinle;

6. Representative Fairchild's Views Sale of the Kansas Pacific

Notice of the Latest Inventions Pertinent Religious Comments Latest of Good Literature

Pellieux with telling the jury that they might shortly have war, adding: "We do not war with such soldiers as

Here the presiding judge stopped M. Laboric, and General Pellieux, resuming the battle between Armour and Leiter in his evidence criticised the reports of the 'amateur experts in handwriting," where upon M. Meyer, director of the French ord office, who was in court, rose and retoried that professional experts were

no better than amateurs. witness, would deliver an opinion on the wheat which, despite his denials, it is

subject. General Pellieux said he could not dis- liver to Leiter on December contracts. cuss the expert reports and ould only say that the experts at the court martial de-

write the bordereau. After some further testimony of an un-

#### important nature, court adjourned. MORRILL ON ANNEXATION Venerable Senator From Vermont

Opposes the Treaty. Washington, Feb. 16.—Senator Morrill of Vermont occupied the entire time of the executive session of the senate today with a speech opposing the ratification of the Hawalian annexation treaty.

The speech was intended to show that the acquisition of the Hawaiian Islands would be against both good policy and the traditions of this country. He has always stood against the acquisition of distant lands and was still opposed to that policy as one calculated to undermine the integrity of the republic.

Mr. Morrill said that commercially Hawall's interest had been vastly exaggerated, and contended that the annexation would result in the inevitable destruction of the beet sugar industry of the United view he argued that the control of Harather than of strength, because a mavy

emphasis a letter from Daniel Webster, dated in 1843, advising the maintenance of the independence of the islands, and closd with an appeal to the people of the

#### United States to continue this policy. CHEAP ORENTAL GOODS Coast Custom Officers Move to Have

San Francisco, Feb. 16.-Collector of the Port Jackson and United States Appraiser Dure have addressed a letter to the secretary of the treasury for the purpose of chesp Oriental goods that are being shiped to this country under stamps which give them the appearance of having been manufactured in European centers and the genuine articles out of the market.

# COAST DEFENSE DEBATE

cific Hailroad,

ture of the senate today. Many senators took the ground that the appropriations Chicago, Feb. H-Shorts in wheat exught

be and Hawaii.

road sale, but no action was taken. Seattle, Wash Feb. 16.-The steamer Al-Hance sailed last night for Poet Values. Alasks, via Dyea and Skaginay, with 250will be able to lay his history before eric kand Beaver Falls, Pa., left on the Europe, from which France has been Alliance, intending to go into the Copper river country. The party numbers twelve and is in charge of Colonel Creighton, who took a party of miners into the in-

San Francisco, Feb. 16.-Another hi-tempt is being made to wrest from Mrs. Florence Elythe-Minckley the millions that have so lately some to her. Suit. was filed in the superior court by Bowwell M. Blythe, a son of James T. Blythe, brother of Thomas H. Blythe today, who falmed to be the decedent's next of kin. ley from using the property and for a decree declaring her interest therein null and void and the plaintil sole owner of the property as heir-at-law. The action is

brought on constitutional grounds. Philadelphia, Peb. 16.-The passenger plies between this port and Haltimore, ton about 6:30 this morning. Sixty pasengers were taken off. The Ericeton lies

Colombo, Ceylon, Feb. 16.-Prince Henourt was temporarily adjourned. ry of Pruneis and the Germa avenue un-When the session of the court was rery of Pruseis, and the Germa avessels unsumed, M. Laborie reproached General terday on their way to China.

# The Wichita Baily Eagle. LEITER STILL PURS

NO. 80

Won't Let Armour Buy Any More Wheat.

CORNER IN MAY WHEAT

Big Bulge in Wheat at Chicago Yesterday.

GOOD PRICES PREDICTED

Armour Says They Will Last a Year and That Leiter Will Put May to \$1.50.

Chicago, Feb. 18.-The Post today sayes "Joseph Leiter has securely cornered the May wheat market, plays fast and ose with the fears of a tremendous we have, but if they are led by certain of- short interest and is showing himself to be the most remarkable factor ever encountered in the local market. Once more being witnessed. Vague rumors from the northwest showing that some big forces were at work there revealed themselves today in the shape of facts. Armour sent his broker to the northwest section Continuing, M. Meyer said that if Gen- some days ago to buy all the cash eral Pellieux would bring the negative of wheat in sight. It is held that Armour the photograph of the borderenu, he, the wants to return an equivalent for the

"No sooner did Letter hear of this flank movement than he began to plan a coup clared that Major Esterhagey did not Today instructions were forwarded to all of Leiter's brokers in the northwest to follow up Armour's agents and to bid 2. 3 and 4 cents higher than Armour on all wheat offered to the latter.

"Although Armour denies the report of borrowing from Peavy, a leading broker is authority for the statement that Armour placed a check for \$1,000,000 in the Northwestern National bank, payable to the order of Peavy, to insure the return of a vast quantity of wheat which Armour secured from Peavy to cover his Decem-ber short line. To what extent Armour has obtained cash wheat to cancel these obligations is a matter of conjecture. But one fact is certain, and that is: Armour had to pay a premium and had to wrestle hard with Leiter's agents to secure cash wheat in the northwest."

HIGHEST SINCE 1891. Chicago, Feb. 16.-The prices for May wheat today are the highest that have ruled for that option since 1831. There appeared to be but one factor in the market, the almost cor seph Leiter has of May. It was a struglean labor to compete with the coble la- gie of shorts all day to cover, with very bor employed on the Hawalian sugar little wheat offering and that from the outside, though there was some lacel selling against privileges. The market was wait would be a source of weakness very exciting toward the close, May shorts who had hitherto held out being

There was a wild market on the curk after the regular close owing to the Cua bun situation. May, which closed at \$1.0%, sold as high as \$1.00, closing as min. July was bid up to Mc. The curk price made the advance for the day 5 to cents per bushel. Puts and calls were

raded in at 11 cents on the May option. GOOD PRICES FOR A YEAR.

Phil D. Armour said today: "Leiter can put May wheat to \$150 it and do nothing; the shorts will do the rest. There will be good prince for wheat milisting his aid in checking the flood of for another year at any rate. These mate, ters go in long runs, years of plenty and then of scarcity. This wheat will go out at \$1.25. The turn has not been alone in wheat, it has been in everything, which are sold at prices that are driving took shipping room for 100 000 husbels of wheat for export today. We Fought wheat at Minnespolis and are buying everywhere we can. We are not hedging Senate Also Has I'p the Kansas Paa husbel of it. We are not afraid to move to wait for the onsumptive markets to on count defences was the interesting fea. follow. We expect to see them pass us. YESTERDAYS BULGS.

should be for the full amount f the esti- it hard today. May was bid up to \$1.00%, mates of the war department, instead of and closed at \$100%, an advance of \$5.9 ome millions less. Senators Perkins and Pige. July hitherto very quiet, also mov-Hale said that it was the policy of the ed up as much as May. The May price appropriations committee to make an an- is the highest reached for that d nual expenditure of 199,000,000 a year for since 1001. It was almost altogether a fortifications. Senators Stewart. Haw- "scare" market, shorts being thoroughly orthraneous. Selection of alarmed over the Leiter grip on wheat, increases. Senator Teller also advocated They found great difficulty in covering, liberal expenditures, and during his re- A feature was the buying pear the slower marks made significant allusions the Cu- by Letter brokers of all the July offered. In the early part of the day there was corn advancing No and outs NANCE. Pro confidence in them, what will the chiefs a discussion of the Kansas Pacific railwas indicated on the curb before the regufar opining. May was hid up to \$1.00 on rumoes of large engagements of wheat for shipment to Lisbon and talk of a rean interview regarding the European sitwho has been traveling through Europe, most apprecedentedly small stocks and prices for May wheat ranged from White to \$1.00, compared with yesterday's circing price of 995690 There was a purfeet rush of shorts for cover at once, but, as was the case pesterday, almost on wheat was offered for sale. Inside of fifteen mirrores bids had been ruled to firstly. This was above call price, and ket in considerable quantities, mostly offerings against these privileges Though everything offered was taken, prices eagred off to \$100% and the excitement, which had been intense, died down to a ertain extent. It was evident the trade was thoroughly alarmed over the apparon May wheat, and an official announcement that he has contracted for the moring of 1,500.00 bushels of his wheat to the seaboard with the promised movement of

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